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question was ' No, Sir '. Then subsequently when I put a supplementary question whether the Corporation did not submit a separate plan for the improvement of slums, the Hon. Minister replied that the Corporation has submitted a comprehensive scheme which has been forwarded to the Government of India? Sir, I wish to know which of the two answers is correct? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the confusion is only in the mind of my hon. Friend. (Laughter.) Probably he is thinking of the next supplementary question. He is not listening to the answers which I have given."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Sir, may I know how many slums have been shifted wholesale in the City of Madras under the Slum Improvement Scheme? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the policy of the Government has been changed now. It is slum improvement and not slum clearance. While making improvement to slums, it may become necessary to provide for some of the dwellers elsewhere but most of them are re-housed in the same place after the necessary improvements have been effected."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government will take steps to extend the provisions of this Act to other municipal towns also in the State? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That will be considered in future. Let us see how the scheme works in the City."

Rehabilitation of Ceylon Indians.

* 300 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 11-20 a.m.

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a large number of refugees from Ceylon are arriving within the territory of the Madras State;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have made any arrangements to rehabilitate them;

(*c*) whether any proposals have been received from the Central Government in this regard; and

(*d*) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) By the term ' refugees ', the member apparently refers to Indians returning to India as a result of the Ceylon Government's Scheme to send away temporary residence permit holders. If so, the number of such Indians who have returned to India till now cannot be said to be large.

" (*b*) The Government are watching the situation. There is no need for rehabilitation at present. This question will be considered when the need arises.

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"(c) The answer is in the negative.

"(d) In view of the answer to clause (c) the question does not arise."

* 301 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by the Government to give relief to the repatriates from Ceylon under the Indo-Ceylon agreement?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government have no proposals on hand as there is no need for them at present. They are, however, watching the situation closely and the question of giving relief to Indians returning from Ceylon as a result of the Ceylon Government's Scheme to send away temporary residence permit holders will be considered when the need arises."

* 302 Q.—SRI C. KANDASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the preliminary and primary reliefs the Government propose to give to the persons repatriated from Ceylon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government have no proposals on hand as there is no need for them at present. They are however watching the situation closely and the question of giving relief to the persons repatriated from Ceylon will be considered when the need arises."

* 303 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the State Government have received any information from the Union Government with regard to the stateless labourers who may be sent away from Ceylon to Madras; and

(b) the measures that are proposed to be taken by the State Government for their rehabilitation?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The answer to the question is in the negative. There is no question of any stateless persons being sent away from Ceylon to Madras.

"(b) In view of the answer to clause (a), this question does not arise."

* 304 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the State Government were consulted by the Government of India prior to their recent negotiations with the Government of Ceylon regarding the Nationals of Indian origin in Ceylon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government of India have been keeping the State Government regularly informed of developments regarding people of Indian origin